

Lake Township News

On the Sandy Shores of Lake Huron from Gagetown Road to Oak Beach County Park

Summer

June 2005

Recycling

Our Township recycling program will be continuing throughout 2005 on the same monthly Sunday schedule (Schedule on Pg 4). The success of this program is due to the commitment of township residents to save their recyclables and the volunteers who have donated their time. The Tuscola County Recycling facility recycled 589 tons of material in 2004, 91 tons more than in 2003. We can proudly say that our township contributed to this increase.

Not only have we had township residents volunteer their time, but we have had several student volunteers from North Huron, Lakers and Caseville Public Schools, as well. We have enjoyed their participation and appreciate their help.

Our volunteers have asked us to post a reminder as to proper recycling preparation.

- Rinse all containers and remove all caps and lids.
- We only accept #2 plastics and clear #1 plastics that have a **screw-top neck**. **The plastics must be in bottle form.** All other plastics are unacceptable. (i.e. No butter tubs, no plastic food trays, no carry out trays, no ice cream tubs, no yogurt containers,

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Township Website

Lake Township Website showing regular hits...

On January 1, 2005 Lake Township officially launched its own website, the first township website in Huron County. The website is designed to provide township residents with easy access to township information at any time. Our e-mail address is info@laketownship.net. Inasmuch as our Township Hall is only staffed on a part-time basis, we are hopeful that the website and e-mail will assist residents in obtaining the information they need or an alternative means of contacting township officials and personnel. If you haven't already viewed the website, we hope you will log on to www.laketownship.net. □

Boat Hoist ID Tags

As written in our December Newsletter, any boat/watercraft hoists and docks must be registered with the Township. This is not in lieu of a U.S. Army Corps permit. This is simply a registration for identification purposes. Upon registering, a waterproof tag is issued and is to be placed on the hoist/dock. This allows Township personnel to identify owners of unused/abandoned hoists or to follow up on any complaints filed with the township. Over the past several years, the township has received numerous complaints relating to placement of hoists in the water and storage of hoists on easements. The township zoning ordinance requires all docks and/or hoists to be placed directly in front of the property owner's residence and restricts the numbers and location of hoists placed in the water at area easements. Copies of the applicable boat hoists ordinances are available at the Township Hall. □

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no pudding cups, no potato chip containers, no cool whip tubs, no plastic hangers, no plastic racks, etc.).

- Keep newspaper print separate from glossies, magazines and junk mail.
- Keep phone books separate from magazines.
- Clear glass bottles and jars only. Please rinse and remove all lids. No other glass is acceptable.

Thank you for your cooperation and participation. □

Caseville Area Fire Protection Association

Another service not all township residents may be familiar with is the Caseville Area Fire Protection Association (CAFPA), which includes the Village and Township of Caseville as well as Lake Township.

Township residents Len Pilato and Russ Mangiapane are currently representing Lake Township on the CAFPA Fire Board. Russ recently replaced Tom Carriveau when Tom moved from his Lake Township home to Sand Point. We appreciated Tom's time and efforts serving on the Fire Board and welcome Russ. Fire Board meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays at 7:00 PM at the Caseville Fire Hall. Township residents are welcome to attend and watch your representatives at work. □

Building Department

Tory Geilhart has replaced Jerry Schweitzer as Building Inspector. Jerry worked as Building Inspector for Caseville and Lake Township since 2000 and has decided to concentrate his efforts on one township. At this time Tory will be maintaining the same office schedule of Wednesday and Friday, 10 AM to 12 PM at the Township Hall. Inspections will be conducted upon request. □

Zoning Department

Before beginning any project on your property which involves construction of any type of structure, from fences to new homes, it is absolutely necessary that you check with Zoning Administrator, Arnie Russell, on the site plan process. Land use permits are required for any type of construction projects and building permits may also be required. In order to save yourself time and money, do not make the mistake of

starting a project without proper approval.

Planning Department

Preliminary Survey Observations...

By Louis J. Colletta

As recently appointed Chairman of the Planning Commission and a member of said Commission for approximately nine years, I have found the surveys to be informative. Although not all surveys received to date have been reviewed and entered into our database, of those I have reviewed, there is a similarity in many of the comments. I would like to take this opportunity to briefly address some of those comments at this time.

- Speed limits on public roads within the Township boundaries are a concern of the Township but determination of speed limits is made by Michigan Department of Transportation.
- Routine maintenance of private roads cannot, by law, be done by the Township.
- Within Lake Township we are fortunate to have many lake access easements for non-waterfront property owners. If you have any question as to the location of access easements near your subdivision, you may want to contact the Township Hall to verify location.
- Off-road vehicles are state regulated and residents need to call Huron Central Dispatch if they are a nuisance.
- Public parks located in Lake Township are either County or State owned.
- There are State laws and local ordinances. Local ordinances are enforced by the Township. Civil grievances are not under the jurisdiction of the Township.

After compilation of all the remaining surveys, the results will be posted on the Township website and included in the December Newsletter. On behalf of the Planning Commission members, I would like to thank everyone who took the time to respond to this survey. We will be using your opinions and comments to assist us in planning for the future of Lake Township. □

Off Road Vehicles

(Dirt Bikes/Four Wheelers/Golf Carts)

Following the Memorial Weekend Holiday, the Township phones were busy with complaints of heavy dirt bike and four-wheeler activity. The township does not have any authorized dirt bike trails and use of unlicensed motorized vehicles is prohibited by State law upon state or local roadways. Use of dirt bikes and other ATV vehicles is limited to private property in Huron County. Please call if you are having problems with these vehicles in your neighborhood. We have been told by several law enforcement agencies that residents should call Huron Central Dispatch at 989-269-6421 if they are having problems with these vehicles in their neighborhood. □

Ron Grote Retires

Planning Commission Chairman and Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary, Ron Grote, retired earlier this year after ten years of service to Lake Township. The Township adopted its first formal Master Plan and began extensive work on revision of the zoning ordinances under Ron's leadership. We appreciated his dedication and will miss his skill running effective meetings. □

M-25 Parking

Holiday weekend traffic reminder...

Traffic along the M-25 corridor is congested on holiday weekends. The State Police have reminded us that there is no parking allowed along M-25. This is a safety issue. Parked cars cause hazards for pedestrian traffic. □

FENCES

**PURSUANT TO TOWNSHIP ZONING
ORDINANCE 5.38 (8) -**

**NO FENCES ARE ALLOWED ON THE
BEACH BETWEEN MAY 1ST AND
SEPTEMBER 30TH.**

Pigeon District Library

Lake Township voters may recall that on the November 2004 General Election Ballot, there was a millage proposal for the Pigeon District Library for 2/10ths of a mill. The proposal was defeated by a tie vote, 293 to 293.

Many township residents, whether full-time or part-time, registered voters or not, may not be aware that the Pigeon District Library is available for your use and currently does not charge any fee to Lake Township property owners other than for video rentals and interlibrary loans. Free internet access is also available. The library sponsors a book club, preschool story hours, summer programs for children and rents their Community Room for dinners, meetings, parties or other events. They also offer several services for the visually impaired.

The Pigeon District Library is located at 7236 Nitz Street in Pigeon. Their phone number is 989-453-2341. You may also visit their website at www.pigeondistrictlibrary.com. □

Gypsy Moths

Township-wide spraying was done in 2004 for gypsy moths. As has been our practice, we do not spray on an annual basis in order to prevent future resistance. **We do ask our residents to monitor and report the presence of gypsy moth caterpillars to the township offices in order to determine the necessity of spraying the following year.** Last year we had many reports of tent caterpillars. Tent caterpillars are easy to take care of by cutting and removing the actual tent or nest and destroying. If you are unsure of how to identify a gypsy moth caterpillar, literature and pictures are available at the Township Hall or online at www.web2.canr.msu.edu/bulletins. Once at this site, do a search by Publication for Bulletin E2299. □

Beach Access

Please remember that easements are for access to and from the water. We receive many phone calls and complaints of blocked easements and debris left on the beach. Please clean up after yourself and keep our community clean. □

TOWNSHIP SCHEDULE

OFFICE HOURS

THE TOWNSHIP HALL OFFICES ARE OPEN **MONDAY – FRIDAY FROM 10:00 AM UNTIL 2:00 PM.** OFFICIALS' OFFICE HOURS VARY. IT IS BEST TO CALL AHEAD OR MAKE AN APPOINTMENT IF YOU NEED TO SPEAK TO A TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS – TOWNSHIP HALL

TIME – 7:30 PM (6:30 PM DECEMBER – FEBRUARY)
DAY – THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH – LAST MONDAY IN MARCH

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS – TOWNSHIP HALL

TIME – 7:00 PM
DAY – FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH EXCEPT NOVEMBER & DECEMBER
WORKSHOP MEETINGS MAY BE SCHEDULED AT OTHER TIMES AND POSTED.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – TOWNSHIP HALL

TIME - 7:30 PM ON WEDNESDAYS UPON APPEAL APPLICATION

FIRE BOARD (CAFFA) MEETS EVERY FIRST & THIRD WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 PM AT THE FIRE HALL IN CASEVILLE.

TOWNSHIP BOARD

SUPERVISOR/ASSESSOR – CLAY KELTERBORN

CLERK - VALERIE McCALLUM

TREASURER – DOROTHY FISCHER

TRUSTEES – ROBERT HYZER
ROSE ANN REMER

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR – ARNOLD RUSSELL

BUILDING INSPECTOR – TORY GEILHART

SECRETARY/DEPUTY CLERK – KAREN SIENKIEWICZ

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

DAVE KING, ATTENDANT

MAY – OCTOBER SATURDAY & SUNDAY 9 AM TO 4 PM

NOVEMBER – APRIL SUNDAY 9 AM TO 4 PM

LAKE TOWNSHIP HALL

PHONE: (989) 856-4867

FAX: (989) 856-9710

WEBSITE: www.laketownship.net

LOCATION ADDRESS: 4988 W. KINDE ROAD
CASEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48725

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 429
CASEVILLE, MI 48725-0429

Burning permit - Call 856-9198

2005 Recycling Schedule

The following dates are on Sundays from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.

Please make sure that all recyclables are clean. **CLEAR GLASS ONLY – BROWN OR GREEN GLASS NO LONGER ACCEPTED.**

Please **DO NOT** drop off recyclables at the Transfer Station on any dates other than the following:

July 17th

August 14th

September 18th

October 16th

November 20th

December 18th

Leaves, grass and tree trimmings are accepted at the Transfer Station during regular hours at no charge.